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SUBJECT: LAWS GOVERNING FIRE ARMS IMPORTATION

REF: STATE 177789 AND 205916

1. THE IMPORTATION OF FIREARMS AND AMMUNITION INTO BRAZIL IS CONTROLLED BY THE MINISTRY OF THE ARMY. THE ARMY MINISTRY'S OFFICE OF IMPORTATION, TRANSPORTATION AND WAREHOUSING CONTROL (SFIDT) IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE REGISTRATION AND INSPECTION OF ALL COMPANIES DEALING WITH FIREARMS, AMMUNITION, EXPLOSIVES AND DANGEROUS CHEMICALS. AN IMPORTER OF FIREARMS AND AMMUNITION MUST REGISTER WITH THE SFIDT AND SUBMIT FOR PRIOR APPROVAL THE COMPLETED IMPORT PERMIT APPLICATION COVERING EACH INDIVIDUAL IMPORT TRANSACTION. AMONG THE REQUIREMENTS FOR SUCH APPROVAL IS EXTENSIVE DOCUMENTATION CONCERNING BONA FIDES OF IMPORTER OR IMPORTING FIRM AS WELL AS AFFIDAVIT FROM SPECIAL POLICE (DOPS) TO THE EFFECT THAT IMPORTER IS "FIT" ACCORDING VARIOUS CRITERIA. AFTER SECURING SFIDT APPROVAL OF IMPORT PERMIT, THE IMPORTER MUST SUBMIT THE APPROVED FORM TO THE FOREIGN TRADE DEPARTMENT OF THE BANK OF BRAZIL (CACEX) FOR FURTHER APPROVAL. AN IMPORTER'S SFIDT REGISTRATION MUST BE RENEWED EVERY TWELVE MONTHS AND MAY BE CANCELLED AT ANY TIME AT UNCLASSIFIED

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THE DISCRETION OF THE ARMY MINISTRY.

2. FIREARMS, AMMUNITION, EXPLOSIVES AND DANGEROUS CHEMICALS MAY ONLY BE IMPORTED AT PORTS WHERE THE SFIDT MAINTAINS A REGIONAL OFFICE. IMPORTATION THROUGH THE MAIL IS NOT PERMITTED. THE ARMY MINISTRY IS ALSO EMPOWERED TO PROTECT BRAZILIAN DOMESTIC INDUSTRY. THUS, THE IMPORTATION OF ITEMS MANUFACTURED IN BRAZIL MAY BE DENIED OR LIMITED BY QUOTA. IN THIS CONNECTION, ARMY MINISTRY AT THIS TIME DOES NOT AUTHORIZE COMMERCIAL IMPORTS OF HAND GUNS, SINGLE BARREL HUNTING RIFLES, TELESCOPIC SIGHTING DEVICES, AMMUNITION FOR HAND GUNS AND HUNTING ARMS, CERTAIN EXPLOSIVES, PYROTECHNICAL PRODUCTS, POTASSIUM CHLORIDE AND NITRAATE, AMMONIUM NITRATE.

3. ALL TRANSFERS (INCLUDES SALE, PURCHASE AND DONATION) OWNERSHIP, COLLECTION, BEARING OF FIRE ARMS IN BRAZIL ARE ALSO SUBJECT TO CLOSE CONTROL (DOCUMENTATION AND AUTHORIZATION) BY STATE AND FEDERAL POLICE ACTING IN COLLABORATION WITH ARMY MINISTRY. THESE CONTROLS AFFECT IMPORTED AS WELL AS DOMESTIC FIREARMS AND APPLY TO PRIVATE CITIZENS AS WELL AS WHOLESALE AND/OR RETAIL DEALERS.

4. CONTROL OF IMPORTATION, TRANSPORTATION AND WAREHOUSING OF RIREARMS IN CODIFIED IN DECREE 55649 OF JANUARY 28, 1965. COPY OF DECREE AND ANNEXS THERETO TO FOLLOW BY AIRGRAM.

5. REGRET DELAY IN THIS REPLY BUT FEDERAL POLICE DID NOT PROVIDE EXPLANATION THEIR ROLE AND COPIES THEIR REGULATIONS UNTIL AUGUST 29.
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